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Idaho Milk Production Down 4.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2013 totaled 1.00 billion pounds, a 4.2 percent decrease from the same month last year, and a 9.0 percent decrease from January 2013. However, production was down only 0.8 percent after adjusting for the leap year. January 2013 milk production was revised to 1.11 billion pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary. Average milk production per cow for February 2013 was 1,730 pounds, down 70 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during February was 579,000 head, down 2,000 head from February 2012.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 3.4 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.1 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production at 15.9 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from January 2012. The January revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for February, 58 pounds below February 2012. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 13,000 head less than February 2012, but 2,000 head more than January 2013.

Special Note: Due to sequestration, all releases of Milk Production have been suspended through the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2013. Please check the NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov for any future updates on NASS programs.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2012-2013

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2012
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	192	190	2,060	1,940	396	369	-6.8
California	1,784	1,782	1,965	1,810	3,506	3,225	-8.0
Colorado	133	135	1,865	1,865	248	252	1.6
Florida	122	122	1,720	1,655	210	202	-3.8
Idaho	581	579	1,800	1,730	1,046	1,002	-4.2
Illinois	100	100	1,630	1,600	163	160	-1.8
Indiana	176	175	1,740	1,735	306	304	-0.7
Iowa	205	204	1,760	1,730	361	353	-2.2
Kansas	124	132	1,725	1,680	214	222	3.7
Michigan	374	377	1,875	1,870	701	705	0.6
Minnesota	465	465	1,580	1,565	735	728	-1.0
Missouri	93	93	1,215	1,160	113	108	-4.4
New Mexico	335	322	1,985	1,985	665	639	-3.9
New York	610	610	1,730	1,695	1,055	1,034	-2.0
Ohio	270	271	1,610	1,590	435	431	-0.9
Oregon	123	123	1,600	1,570	197	193	-2.0
Pennsylvania	541	534	1,570	1,560	849	833	-1.9
Texas	436	435	1,835	1,740	800	757	-5.4
Utah	91	89	1,690	1,620	154	144	-6.5
Vermont	133	134	1,535	1,500	204	201	-1.5
Virginia	96	94	1,510	1,460	145	137	-5.5
Washington	263	264	1,895	1,820	498	480	-3.6
Wisconsin	1,266	1,270	1,700	1,700	2,152	2,159	0.3
23 State Total	8,513	8,500	1,780	1,722	15,153	14,638	-3.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho February Red Meat Production Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2013 totaled 3.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from February of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2013 period totaled 7.9 million pounds, up 15 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.67 billion pounds in February, down 6 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in February 2012. Beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down 8 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,600 head, down 1 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 258 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down 5 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 7 percent from February 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, down 7 pounds from February a year ago. January to February 2013 commercial red meat production was 8.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 As Percent of 2012
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	136.6	149.5	130.8	96
Colorado	175.0	195.9	176.1	101
Idaho	3.4	4.2	3.7	108
Illinois	234.5	264.5	226.6	97
Iowa	532.1	599.4	501.4	94
Kansas	398.1	459.0	396.2	100
Minnesota	227.3	241.8	211.2	93
Montana	0.7	0.9	0.8	110
Nebraska	572.2	631.3	526.5	92
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	82
Oklahoma	93.6	104.8	93.2	100
Oregon	5.5	6.2	5.9	106
South Dakota	81.1	100.2	80.3	99
Texas	389.3	443.6	324.1	83
Utah	41.1	41.6	36.5	89
Washington	68.1	76.8	65.6	96
Wyoming	0.5	0.6	0.4	78
United States	3,914.1	4,348.3	3,672.9	94

^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2013 totaled 225,000 head, down 2 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is unchanged from February 1, 2013. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 36,000 head, down 1,000 head from February 2012 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 35,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2013. The inventory was 7 percent below March 1, 2012. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.48 million, 14 percent below 2012. Net placements were 1.42 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 450,000. Placements are the lowest for February since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.64 million, 7 percent below 2012. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 35 percent below 2012.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	March 1, 2011	February 1, 2012	March 1, 2012		
			Number	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	279	275	270	97	98
California	500	480	480	96	100
Colorado	1,090	1,010	990	91	98
Idaho	230	225	225	98	100
Iowa	670	640	640	96	100
Kansas	2,200	2,110	2,050	93	97
Nebraska	2,570	2,470	2,430	95	98
Oklahoma	340	325	305	90	94
South Dakota	260	225	230	88	102
Texas	2,840	2,620	2,550	90	97
Washington	233	234	233	100	100
Other States	465	459	454	98	99
United States	11,677	11,073	10,857	93	98

Stocks in Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on February 28, 2013 totaled 996 million pounds, a 4 percent increase from January 31, 2013, and up 12 percent from February 29, 2012. Other frozen potatoes, at 232 million pounds, are up 7 percent from last month and up 6 percent from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2013 totaled 240 million pounds, up 16 percent from the end of the previous month and 17 percent from a year ago. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 667 million pounds, up 4 percent from January 31, 2013 and 5 percent from February 29, 2012.

Commodity	Feb 29, 2012	Jan 31, 2013	Feb 28, 2013	2013
				2012
POTATOES:	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
French Fries	891,682	958,032	995,773	112
Other Frozen	220,048	217,044	232,205	106
TOTAL	1,111,730	1,175,076	1,227,978	110
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	205,172	207,075	240,299	117
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	634,614	643,184	666,679	105

March 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's March 1, 2013 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 30.8 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year. On-farm storage was estimated at 8.0 million bushels, down from last year's 11.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 22.8 million bushels, down 24 percent from March 1, 2012. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 27.7 million bushels, up 15 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 9.50 million bushels, up 58 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 18.2 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year's 18.1 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2013 totaled 1.23 billion bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 237 million bushels, up 9 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 997 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013 totaled 116 million bushels, up 24 percent from March 1, 2012. On-farm stocks are estimated at 35.2 million bushels, 33 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 81.2 million bushels, are 21 percent above March 2012. Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2013, totaled 52.6 million bushels, 30 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks on hand, 18.9 million bushels are stored on farms, down 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 33.7 million bushels, down 39 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013, totaled 5.40 billion bushels, down 10 percent from March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks, 2.67 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.73 billion bushels, are down 4 percent from a year ago.